In the Specification

Page 4, ll. 3-6 (first full paragraph), please amend as follows:

-- The cellulosic polymer is preferably either anionic or non-ionic, most preferably anionic modified or nonionic modified cellulose, including carboxymethylhydroxyethyl cellulose (CMHEC) or hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC), as well as crosslinked HEC, such as crosslinked HEC with ~~glyeoxal~~ glyoxal. --

Page 4, ll. 17-22 (third full paragraph after "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments:

-- The cellulosic polymer is typically either non-ionic or anionic. Preferred anionic cellulosic polymer is carboxymethylhydroxyethyl cellulose and preferred non-ionic cellulosic polymer is hydroxyethyl cellulose. The cellulosic polymer is preferably either anionic or non-ionic, most preferably anionic modified or nonionic modified cellulose, including carboxymethylhydroxyethyl cellulose (CMHEC) or hydroxyethyl cellulose (HEC), as well as crosslinked HEC, such as crosslinked HEC with ~~glyeoxal~~ glyoxal. Particularly preferred are crosslinked HECs, such as HEC 10 and HEC 10HV, products of The Dow Chemical Company, and as non-crosslinked HEC, 210 HHW, a product of Aqualon. The HEC 10HV provides a higher viscosity per pound that HEC 10. The amount of cellulosic polymer suspended in the salt solution is typically between from about 5 to about 23, preferably from about 10 to about 20, weight percent. --